ठेका श्रम प्रणाली को समाप्त किया जा चुका है । शेष 115 केन्द्रों में से 53 केन्द्रों में सीधा भुगतान प्रणाली, 38 में में श्रमिक सहकारी समिति प्रणाली चलाई जा रही है और 8 केन्द्रों को खाली कर दिया गया है । शेष 16 केन्द्र ठेका श्रम प्रणाली के उत्सादन के योग्य नहीं हैं ।

चीनी मिलों के लिये जारी किये गये लाइसेंस

2135. **श्रीमती सत्या बहिन :** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार देश में सहकारी क्षेत्र में चीनी के नये कारखाने लगाने के लिये लाइसेंस जारी करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार चीनी मिलों को लगाने के लिये अनुसूचित जाति के व्यक्तियों को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर प्रोत्साहन देने पर विचार कर रही है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार सहकारी संस्थाओं और अनुसूचित जाति के इच्छुक आवेदकों को उत्तर प्रदेश में डिस्टिलरी खोलने के लिये अनुमति प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्पनाथ राय) : नई चीनी मिलें स्थापित करने के लिये आशय पत्र/औद्योगिक लाइसेंस प्रदान करने हेतु सहकारी क्षेत्र से प्राप्त प्रस्तावों पर सरकार द्वारा प्रचलित लाइसेंस नीति संबंधी मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांतों के अनुसार विचार किया जाता है । चीनी वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान अभी तक सहकारी क्षेत्र में 3 आशय पत्र जारी किये गये हैं ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) सहकारी संस्थाओं और अनुसूचित जाति के उद्यमियों सहित, कोई भी उद्यमी उद्योग (विकास एवं विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1951 के तहत बिना लाइसेंस के औद्योगिक एल्कोहल के उत्पादन के लिये डिस्टिलरी लगा सकता है ।

Sugar Development Fund

2136. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAND-KA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of fOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Local money in the Sugar Development Fund as on 1st December, 1993;

(b) what are the plans for its utilisation; and

(c) how much has been given to Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALI* NATH RAI): Total cess transferred to Sugar Development Fund till 1st December, 1993 is Rs. 1299 Crores

(b) Tne Fund is utilised for the following purposes:—

(i) Making loans for facilitating the rehabilitation and modernisation of any sugar factory;

(ii) Making loans for the undertaking of any scheme for development of sugar cane in the area in which any sugar factory is situated;

(iii) Making grants for the purpose of any research project aimed at development of sugar industry;

(iv) Defraying expenditure for the purpose of building up and maintenance of buffer stock of sugar with a view to stabilising price of sugar;

(v) Defraying any other expenditure for the purpose of the Act.

(c) Till 30. 11. 1993, loans aggregating to Rs. 9629 crores had been sanc-

tioned to sugar mills in Maharashtra for sugarcane development and Rs. 107.29 crores for rehabilitation/modernisation of plant and machinery.

Deelining tread of Sugar Production

2137. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a declining trend of sugar production during the month of August, 1993 and onwards;

(b) if so, to what extent the sugar output is declining;

(c) to what extent the sugar production during the current sugar season has declined; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve sugar production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATO RAI): (a) and (b) The required information is as under:—

Month	Sugar Production during the sugar year (October to September) (in lakh tonnes)		Increase (+) or decrease (--) in production over 1991-92 (in lakh tonnes)
	1991-92	1992-93	
August . . .	0.46	0.28	(-) 0.18
September . . .	0.47	0.41	(-) 00.6

Sugar production during the current sugar year 1993-94 in the month of October 1993 was 0.76 lakh tonnes as against 0.79 lakh tonnes during the previous season 1992-93 thereby showing an increase of 0.17 lakh tonnes.

(c) Total production during the cur rent sugar year 1993-94 upto 15-11-1993 was 3.48 'lakh tonnes (provisional), as against 2.94 lakh tonnes (provisional) in the corresponding period during tile last sugar year, i.e. 1992-93 thereby show ing an increase of 0.54 lakh tonnes.

(d) Considering the need to boost sugar production during 1993-94 season. Government have taken/initiated the following measures:

(i) Early crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher freesale quota at 72 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent to sugar mills for their production achieved during the period 1.10.1993 to 15.11.1993.

(ii) Mid-crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher free-sale quota at 80 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent, to sugar mills for the incremental production to be achieved during the period 1.1.1994 to 30.4. 1994 over the production during the same period in 1992-93 season.

(iii) Late crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher freesale quota at 72 per cent, as against the norma] entitlement of 60 per cent, to sugar mills for the production to be achieved during the period 1.5.1994 to 31.7.1994. (iv) Finance Ministry/Reserve Bank have been requested to provide need-based credit to the sugar industry during 1993-94 season. (v) Stale Governments have been requested to ensure prompt clearance of cane price dues to the farmers by the sugar factories. (vi) The loan component for grant of Sugar Development Fund assistance